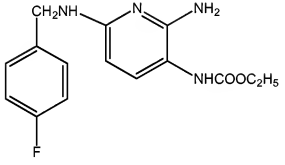
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) A method for inducing an analgesic response to neuropathic pain in a mammal, said method comprising selecting the mammal with non-cancer related neuropathic pain, and administering to the mammal, a composition comprising the structure



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in combination with an opioid selected from the list consisting of fentanyl, oxycodone, codeine, dihydrocodeine, dihydrocodeinone enol acetate, morphine, desomorphine, apomorphine, diamorphine, pethidine, methadone, dextropropoxyphene, pentazocine, dextromoramide, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, dihydromorphine, noscapine, papverine, papaveretum, alfentanil, and buprenorphine, in an amount effective to reduce the level of or to otherwise ameliorate the sensation of neuropathic pain, excluding topical administration.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 further comprising the administration of the opioid concurrently or sequentially to the flupirtine.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein the opioid is morphine, fentanyl, oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of any one of claims 43 to 45 wherein the opioid does not induce overt sedation in the presence of flupirtine.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 wherein flupirtine is administered in an amount of about 0.5 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg of body weight.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the mammal is human.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the neuropathic pain is associated with monoradiculopathies, trigeminal neuralgia, postherpetic neuralgia, phantom limb pain, complex regional pain syndrome, back pain, human immunodeficiency virus infection, drug-induced neuropathies, or diabetic neuropathies.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the neuropathic pain is associated with one or more of Alopecia, Ataxia-telangiectasia, Fanconi anaemia, human papillomavirus infection, hydatidiform mole, Hypercalcemia, Lymphedema, Mycosis fungoides, Nijmegen Breakage Syndrome, Polycythemia vera, Rothmund-Thomson Syndrome, Uroplakins, Abdominal Wall Defect, Abdominal Migraine, Achondrogenesis, Achondrogenesis Type IV, Achondrogenesis Type III, Achondroplasia, Achondroplasia Tarda, Achondroplastic Dwarfism, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Acute Intermittant Porphyria, Acute Porphyrias,

Acute Shoulder Neuritis, Acute Toxic Epidermolysis, Adiposa Dolorosa, Adrenal Neoplasm, Adrenomyeloneuropathy, Adult Dermatomyositis, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis-Polyglucosan Bodies, AN, AN 1, AN 2, Anal Rectal Malformations, Anal Stenosis, Arachnitis, Arachnoiditis Ossificans, Arachnoiditis, Arteritis Giant Cell, Arthritis, Arthritis Urethritica, Ascending Paralysis, Athetoid Cerebral Palsy, Barrett Esophagus, Barrett Ulcer, Brachial Neuritis, Brachial Neuritis Syndrome, Brachial Plexus Neuritis, Brachial-Plexus-Neuropathy, Brachiocephalic Ischemia, Brittle Bone Disease, Bullosa Hereditaria, Bullous CIE, Bullous Congenital Ichthyosiform Erythroderma, Bullous Ichthyosis, Bullous Pemphigoid, Calcaneal Valgus, Calcaneovalgus, Cavernous Lymphangioma, Cavernous Malformations, Central Form Neurofibromatosis, Cervical Spinal Stenosis, Cervical Vertebral Fusion, Charcot's Disease, Charcot-Marie-Tooth, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Variant, Charcot-Marie-Tooth-Roussy-Levy Disease, Childhood Dermatomyositis, Chondrodysplasia Punctata, Chondrodystrophia Calcificans Congenita, Chondrodystrophia Fetalis, Chondrodystrophic Myotonia, Chondrodystrophy, Chondrodystrophy with Clubfeet, Chondrodystrophy Epiphyseal, Chondrodystrophy Hyperplastic Form, Chondroectodermal Dysplasias, Chondrogenesis Imperfecta, Chondrohystrophia, Chondroosteodystrophy, Chronic Adhesive Arachnoiditis, Chronic Idiopathic Polyneuritis (CIP), Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy, Cicatricial Pemphigoid, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, Congenital Cervical Synostosis, Congenital Dysmyelinating Neuropathy, Congenital Hypomyelinating Polyneuropathy, Congenital Hypomyelination Neuropathy, Congenital Hypomyelination, Congenital Hypomyelination (Onion Bulb) Polyneuropathy, Congenital Ichthyosiform Erythroderma, Congenital Tethered Cervical Spinal Cord Syndrome, Cranial Arteritis, Crohn's Disease, Cutaneous Porphyrias, Degenerative Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, Demyelinating Disease, Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, Diabetes Mellitus, Addison's Disease, Myxedema, Discoid Lupus, Discoid Lupus Erythematosus, Disseminated Lupus Erythematosus, Disseminated Neurodermatitis, Disseminated Sclerosis, EDS Kyphoscoliotic, EDS Kyphoscoliosis, EDS Mitis Type, EDS Ocular-Scoliotic, Elastosis Dystrophica Syndrome, Encephalofacial Angiomatosis, Encephalotrigeminal Angiomatosis, Enchondromatosis with Multiple Cavernous Hemangiomas,

Endemic Polyneuritis, Endometriosis, Eosinophilic Fasciitis, Epidermolysis Bullosa, Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita, Epidermolysis Bullosa Hereditaria, Epidermolysis Bullosa Letalias, Epidermolysis Hereditaria Tarda, Epidermolytic Hyperkeratosis, Epidermolytic Hyperkeratosis (Bullous CIE), Familial Lumbar Stenosis, Familial Lymphedema Praecox, Fibromyalgia, Fibromyalgia-Fibromyositis, Fibromyositis, Fibrositis, Fibrous Ankylosis of Multiple Joints, Fibrous Dysplasia, Fragile X syndrome, Generalized Fibromatosis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Hemangiomatosis Chondrodystrophica, Hereditary Sensory and Autonomic Neuropathy Type I, Hereditary Sensory and Autonomic Neuropathy Type II, Hereditary Sensory and Autonomic Neuropathy Type III, Hereditary Sensory Motor Neuropathy, Hereditary Sensory Neuropathy type I, Hereditary Sensory Neuropathy Type I, Hereditary Sensory Neuropathy Type II, Hereditary Sensory Neuropathy Type III, Hereditary Sensory Radicular Neuropathy Type I, Hereditary Sensory Radicular Neuropathy Type I, Hereditary Sensory Radicular Neuropathy Type II, Herpes Zoster, Hyperplastic Epidermolysis Bullosa, Hypertrophic Interstitial Neuropathy, Hypertrophic Interstitial Neuritis, Hypertrophic Interstitial Radiculoneuropathy, Hypertrophic Neuropathy of Refsum, Idiopathic Brachial Plexus Neuropathy, Idiopathic Cervical Dystonia, Juvenile (Childhood) Dermatomyositis (JDMS), Juvenile Diabetes, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Pes Planus, Leg Ulcer, Lumbar Canal Stenosis, Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, Lumbosacral Spinal Stenosis, Lupus, Lupus, Lupus Erythematosus, Lymphangiomas, Mononeuritis Multiplex, Mononeuritis Peripheral, Mononeuropathy Peripheral, Monostotic Fibrous Dysplasia, Multiple Cartilaginous Enchondroses, Multiple Cartilaginous Exostoses, Multiple Enchondromatosis, ~~Multiple Myeloma,~~ Multiple Neuritis of the Shoulder Girdle, Multiple Osteochondromatosis, Multiple Peripheral Neuritis, Multiple Sclerosis, Musculoskeletal Pain Syndrome, Neuropathic Amyloidosis, Neuropathic Beriberi, Neuropathy of Brachialpelxus Syndrome, Neuropathy Hereditary Sensory Type I, Neuropathy Hereditary Sensory Type II, Nieman Pick disease Type A (acute neuronopathic form), Nieman Pick disease Type B, Nieman Pick Disease Type C (chronic neuronopathic form), Non-Scarring Epidermolysis Bullosa, Ochronotic Arthritis, Ocular Herpes, Onion-Bulb Neuropathy, Osteogenesis Imperfect, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Congenita, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Tarda, Peripheral Neuritis, Peripheral Neuropathy, Perthes Disease, Polyarteritis Nodosa, Polymyalgia

Rheumatica, Polymyositis and Dermatomyositis, Polyneuritis Peripheral, Polyneuropathy Peripheral, Polyneuropathy and Polyradiculoneuropathy, Polyostotic Fibrous Dysplasia, Polyostotic Sclerosing Histiocytosis, Postmyelographic Arachnoiditis, Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis, Psoriasis, Radial Nerve Palsy, Radicular Neuropathy Sensory, Radicular Neuropathy Sensory Recessive, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis, Sensory Neuropathy Hereditary Type I, Sensory Neuropathy Hereditary Type II, Sensory Neuropathy Hereditary Type I, Sensory Radicular Neuropathy, Sensory Radicular Neuropathy Recessive, Sickle Cell Anemia, Sickle Cell Disease, Sickle Cell-Hemoglobin C Disease, Sickle Cell-Hemoglobin D Disease, Sickle Cell-Thalassemia Disease, Sickle Cell Trait, Spina Bifida, Spina Bifida Aperta, Spinal Arachnoiditis, Spinal Arteriovenous Malformation, Spinal Ossifying Arachnoiditis, Spinal Stenosis, Stenosis of the Lumbar Vertebral Canal, Still's Disease, Syringomyelia, Systemic Sclerosis, Talipes Calcaneus, Talipes Equinovarus, Talipes Equinus, Talipes Varus, Talipes Valgus, Tandem Spinal Stenosis, Temporal Arteritis/Giant Cell Arteritis, Temporal Arteritis, Tethered Spinal Cord Syndrome, Tethered Cord Malformation Sequence, Tethered Cord Syndrome, Tethered Cervical Spinal Cord Syndrome, Thalamic Pain Syndrome, Thalamic Hyperesthetic Anesthesia, Trigeminal Neuralgia, Variegate Porphyria, or Vertebral Ankylosing Hyperostosis.